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## L'AMOUR FRAGILE

"For there is sweetness in an empty kiss."

*Theocritus.*

You kissed me once. A palm-tree threw  
 Its kindly leaves to screen the view  
 From callous eyes; a far waltz strain  
 Rocked pleasing fancies in the brain;  
 And—well—you know your eyes are blue.

Strange that such trifling things should woo  
 A pair of worldlings like us two  
 To youthful follies back again!  
 You kissed me once.

And, though I pluck for roses rue,  
 And get a careless "How-d'ye-do?"  
 On pouted lips of chill disdain,  
 Now, when we meet in pleasure's train,  
 I'm proud to think, on seeing you,  
 "You kissed me once."

ARTHUR F. BELL.